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Dear Joshua:

First of all, congratulations. We all knew that it was only a matter of time before you would be elected to membership in the National Academy of Sciences but the actual election was good news indeed.

I have received your letters of April 10 and April 17, and was happy to receive the references dealing with the streptomycin effects on chloroplasts.

Thank you for letting me see the letter from U.C.L.A. — they certainly are expanding. At the meeting of the Chancellor's Academic Advisory Committee, I used the U.C.L.A. offerings in genetics as a horrible example of unregulated growth which follows where there is no department of genetics and where geneticists are dispersed over several departments without coordination (Zoology 20 units of courses, Botany 14, Anthropology 8, Floriculture 3, Subtropical Horticulture 3). The general proposition of a strong department of theoretical genetics on the Berkeley Campus with the specialized phases in other departments seemed to meet with general favor. The disposition of the beginning course in Zoology will be determined by the Committee on Courses of Instruction — a committee of the Academic Senate.

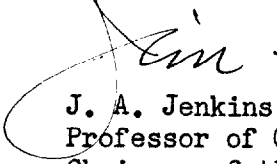
I phoned Seymour and he had not found your folder, nor could I find it here. However, I did find the enclosed letter in one of my folders.

President Sproul has suggested a way to employ Esther. She would be given a title in another department. Funds from your research grants could be transferred to the other department to pay her salary while she could spend her time in the Department of Genetics. Vice President Wellman suggested that Agricultural Biochemistry (Stumpf, Barker, Hassid) would be an appropriate department and they were very glad to be of help, as I am sure other departments would be. I understand that the same device of preserving the letter of the law — having your cake and eating it — is to be adopted with Roger and his wife. If this appeals to you as a workable solution, we can have Vice-President Wellman send you an authoritative statement of the arrangement.

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The date on which the laboratory will be finished is still uncertain, however, I am still hopeful that it will be in the fall of 1958. These and other details can be discussed when you are here during the summer.

Regards,



J. A. Jenkins  
Professor of Genetics  
Chairman of the Dept.

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